Non-payment of bank daft to actual payees

2674. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the service branch of the SBI, Parliament Street had recieved any complaints in June, 1992 about non-payment of bank drafts to the actual payees which were issued by the Rampur Karkhana (3822) branch of the Bank in Deoria district of U.P., on 22nd November, 1991;

(b) whether it is a fact that instead of the actual payees, the payments were made to wrong persons;

(c) whether the bank had received legal notices also but neither the payment was made to the actual payees nor any action was taken to trace the persons who had withdrawn the money;

(d) if so, under what circumstances and to whom the payment had been made and which branch made the payments;

(e) the reasons for not taking any action in the matter; and

(f) what action is contemplated to make payment to the rightful payees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) State Bank of India have reported that no complaint was received by their service branch, New Delhi regarding non-payment of bank draft issued by their Rampur Karkhana branch of District Deoria on 22-11-91. However, a complaint in respect of bank draft issued on 28-12-91 by said branch was received in June 1992.

(b) to (d) The draft dated 28-12-91 presented to Service Branch, New Delhi was paid in clearing on 11-1-92 to State Bank of Indore, Chandni Chowk Delhi for credit to the account of endorsee, M/s. Sanjay Enterprises. The fact that the endorsement was made by the payee of the draft was confirmed by the collecting banker. A legal notice was received by the bank in the matter which was replied to, stating details of the payment.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Special Pay to Personnel of Settlement Commission

2675. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of special pay being given to the personnel posted in the Settlement Commission (Income Tax and Wealth Tax), New Delhi, in the cadre of Deputy Director of Investigation; and

(b) since when this is being given and detailed reasons for sanctioning such a special pay to only this category by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) special pay of Rs. 400/- p.m. is given to members of the IRS (Income Tax) posted as Deputy Directors of Investigation in the Commission.

(b) The special pay is being paid at par with other similar officers in the Directorates under the Income Tax Department.

खाताधारकों के लिए छायाचित्र को अनिवार्य बनाया जाना

2676. **श्री कृष्ण लाल शर्मा :** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बैंकों में नया खाता खोलने के लिए छायाचित्र चिपकाया जाना अनिवार्य कर दिया गया